

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

MATSUZAKI et al.	Art Unit: 1656
Application No.: 10/790,224	Examiner: Steadman, David J.
Filing Date: March 2, 2004	Attorney Ref. No.: US-162
For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING L- ARGININE OR L-LYSINE BY FERMENTATION	Confirmation No.: 9934

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) UNDER 37 CFR §1.114

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application. The following are submitted:

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. 1.114:
 - a. Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.
 - i. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on
 - ii. Other
 - b. Enclosed
 - i. Amendment/Reply
 - ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - iii. Information Disclosure Statement
 - iv. Other Copy of Declaration Under 37 C.F.R. 1.132 previously submitted on January 11, 2007
2. Miscellaneous
 - a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. 1.103(c) for a period of months. (Periods of suspension shall not exceed 3 months. Fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(i) required).
 - b. Other
3. Fees – The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. 1.114 when the RCE is filed.
 - a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. .
 - i. The RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e)

- ii. Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. Other
- b. Check in the amount of \$ _____ enclosed
- c. Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)
- d. Applicant has directly paid the above fees through EFS-Web / RAMPS.

Respectfully submitted,

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